**Supply of poor quality food**

3302. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received complaints of supplying poor quality of food on the stations of South Eastern Railway and Central Railway around Nagpur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Railways would take cognizance of this and improve the food quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The number of complaints received as compared to the magnitude of traffic handled is negligible.

Railways have taken several steps to improve quality of food which include use of casseroles, bain-marries, automatic vending machines, disposable paper cups and opening of food plazas etc.

**Late running of trains between Kasganj-Mathura**

3303. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers are facing hardships for the last several months due to late running of trains between Kasganj-Mathura section; if so, details of late departure/arrival of various trains particularly passenger train Nos. 121 and 122 for the last three months and reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that decades old well tested timings of the above passenger trains have been changed arbitrarily and the requests from the people to restore the timings are being ignored by the concerned railway authorities; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore the decade old timing of the above trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The punctuality of trains on Kasganj-Mathura section has not been satisfactory during the last few months due to various reasons like alarm chain pulling, agitations/bundhs and other

miscreant activities, etc. which are beyond the control of Railways. The punctuality has also been affected due to assets and human failures. The punctuality of 121/122 passenger train during the last three months is given below:

| Train No. | Total run (In days) | Right time - upto 30 minute (In days) | Late between 31 minutes to 60 minutes (In days) | Late above 60 minutes (In days) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 121 UP | 92 | 47 | 26 | 19 |
| 122 DN | 92 | 57 | 28 | 7 |

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, in view of operational considerations, introduction of a new train between Kasganj and Mathura and public demands, a slight change in the timings of 121 UP was made during the year 2001-2002, which were again revised and restored in accordance with the public demand.

**Seismological Research Institute at Gandhinagar**

3304. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2205 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to establish the Institute of Seismological Research at Gandhinagar, Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken therefore;

(c) what is the estimated project cost; and

(d) by which sources the funds are to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) to (d) Sir, a proposal of State Government of Gujarat for establishment of Institute of Seismological Research at Gandhinagar, Gujarat has been received. The